

the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association. In 1955, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, the first State senator to be granted this honor. In 1997, Senator Drake received the Ohio State Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award. Most recently, she has been awarded an honorary doctorate in public administration by Cleveland State University and an honorary masters degree in anesthesiology from Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in recognizing the dedication and distinguished law-making career of Senator Grace L. Drake. The General Assembly, as well as the people of Ohio, are losing a unique legislator who understood the value of public service. Let us commend her on 17 years as an Ohio State Senator.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOOMING GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize one of the churches in my district. This year Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church of McLeansboro, IL celebrates its 150th anniversary. I thought it appropriate to acknowledge the church's rich and colorful past along with the congregation's contribution to society.

After a long petitioning process, Blooming Grove was accepted for membership at the tenth annual meeting of the Franklin United Baptist Association in Johnson City, IL. Today, 150 years later, the church is still going strong. Led by Pastor Bro. Gary Davenport for the past 14 years, Blooming Grove has a regular attendance of 75 dedicated citizens. Throughout the years the church has contributed to local and national charities. In fact, as early as 1907 church records state that Blooming Grove gave \$7.33 to China to help in their suffering. The congregation may have changed in size for the past 150 years, but through it all there has always been a strong church body willing to do all they can to keep the congregation together.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I commend the Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Due to the perseverance and dedication of the congregation, it is clear that the church is an asset to the community.

HONORING DR. LOU PULLANO,
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of my constituent and friend, Dr. Lou Pullano, Ed.D., of Long Branch, N.J. Lou is retiring from Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J., after 28 years of outstanding service as a professor and administrator.

Lou has made many remarkable contributions to the local and educational communities of Monmouth County over the course of his career. Perhaps his most outstanding achievement and lasting contribution is the creation of the Brookdale College Radio Station, WBJB 90.5 FM. This small station has grown in listenership and is now recognized as a leading model for school-sponsored stations. In fact, I understand it is now broadcasting with National Public Radio.

Lou's career at Brookdale has been varied and far-reaching, thereby accounting for the tremendous love and respect in which he is held by thousands of students, current and former. For many years, he was a faculty member and professor of Communications Media and became director of Arts Communications, which included the departments of Music, Arts, Graphics, Theater and Speech.

In addition, he was more recently named Brookdale Director of Telecommunication Technologies, which includes radio and cable television broadcasts, and in charge of the Performing Arts Center at Brookdale. Now, upon his retirement, he is also in charge of Distance Education Programs.

Lou is among those who have made Brookdale Community College the educational gem that it is among community colleges in New Jersey and across the country.

I know I speak for all the students past and present at Brookdale, as well as the community of Long Branch and the County of Monmouth, when I wish Lou well in his retirement and thank him for his many years of outstanding and dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO GRACE MCCARTHY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life and contributions of Grace McCarthy, who passed away just a few days ago at the age of 92.

One of Pacifica, California's most passionate and influential citizens, Grace McCarthy added value and beauty to almost every aspect of civic life in Pacifica and in San Mateo County. Her countless contributions were not made simply from her strong sense of public duty, but from the affection and loyalty she had for the city and citizens of Pacifica.

Mr. Speaker, the phrases "ecologically sound" and "environmental protection" were not as popular thirty years ago as they are today, but Grace did a great deal to give them meaning in Pacifica. Never bending simply because some opinion leaders may have disagreed with her, Grace was a maverick whose steadfast views and boundless energy were key to protecting Pacifica's natural splendor beginning in the 1970's.

Nothing demonstrates this more than Grace McCarthy's appointment to the first Coastal Conservation Commission for Pacifica and to the California State Coastal Commission. During her tenure, Grace fought unpopular battles and was often at odds with fellow commission members, but her views always earned respect because of her unquestioning devotion

to protecting and preserving the coast in and around Pacifica. The Pacifica Tribune commented, "As a member of the Central Coastal Conservation Commission, she catches it from both sides. Free enterprise businessmen and property owners figure she's aligned with those who would 'close' the coast. The environmentalists accuse her of being aligned with the free enterprise business and property owners . . . Fortunately, Mrs. McCarthy is a practical, tough not easily intimidated or discouraged public servant who's doing a hard job well."

Mr. Speaker, Grace's inherent respect for natural beauty existed before she came to reside permanently in Pacifica with her husband and children. Grace and her husband, Carl, met at Yosemite National Park, where, fortuitously, Carl paid a chance visit and Grace was attending a nature convention. Grace and Carl's mutual love for nature augmented Grace's devotion to Pacifica's coast and its evergreens.

Decades before environmental issues were in vogue, Grace McCarthy devotedly and doggedly fought for wilderness parks, open space, riding and hiking trails, and the dedication of parks in new subdivisions. Although she was a fierce, determined and indomitable conservationist, in her public activities and in her private life, she was the epitome of her name—Grace.

Mr. Speaker, all of us who honor Grace McCarthy will look to Pacifica's treetops and coastline and know that much of what we cherish there is ours to enjoy because of Grace's energy, foresight, fierce determination and firm conviction. We will miss her in the fights that lie ahead, but her spirit will continue to inspire and guide our actions.

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH
OLMSTED MUNICIPAL BUS LINE
(NOMBL)

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I honor Ohio's oldest municipally owned bus system, the North Olmsted Municipal Bus Line (NOMBL), which is celebrating 70 years of service to the community of North Olmsted and surrounding suburbs.

NOMBL, located in North Olmsted, serves over one million customers annually, having come a long way since the line's first red and white-painted bus made its first official trip to Cleveland at 5:15 a.m. on March 1, 1931; the first day's revenue was \$24.65.

NOMBL was founded after Southwestern Railway decided to discontinue trolley services for the region. Mayor Charles Seltzer, Clerk Elroy Christman, Solicitor Guy Wheeler and resident John Schindler borrowed money to lease two used buses and drove them to Columbus, Ohio to get the vehicle licenses necessary to operate a bus line. With consistent and continued dedication to service and commitment to excellence, NOMBL buses became a landmark in Cuyahoga County.

Today, the active 40-coach fleet operates seven different routes under a contract with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Operating under this agreement

since 1975, NOMBL maintains operation and city ownership while having access to new buses and equipment, technologies, natural gas fueling capabilities, and garage space, enabling the line to better serve customers. Evolving through appearance changes, service expansions and various partnerships, NOMBL has remained committed to dependable and faithful service, with much thanks given to and appreciation for its dedicated and responsible employees.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of the NOMBL, which will be honored at the 70th Anniversary Luncheon on March 1, 2001, for 70 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXCELLENCE OF THE READING JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ESTEEM TEAM

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Reading Junior-Senior High School Esteem Team, which received Ohio's 2000 BEST Practices Award on October 10, 2000. The BEST Practices Award honors groups that improve the performance of Ohio's students through innovative, effective approaches to common education challenges.

The Esteem Team has an outstanding record of positive results. I have met and worked with several members of the Team, and I can say firsthand that their work has made a very significant difference in the Cincinnati community.

The Team was founded in 1989 by three senior students at Reading Junior-Senior High School. The goal of the program is to instruct and motivate other students to lead safe, healthy lifestyles. The group is student-run, and, since 1989, it has blossomed from a handful of members to its current count of almost 90. Molly Flook Woodrow, who teaches special needs students at Reading Junior-Senior High School, serves as the Team's advisor and has done so since the Team was established.

The Esteem Team members play a critical role in our community by serving as role models and contributors to safe, drug-free lifestyles for other students. The Team primarily educates elementary and secondary students by providing current, accurate information on the dangers and often life-threatening effects of drug abuse. Through organized workshops, group discussions, role-playing and informative skits, these young leaders have developed an effective message that teaches students to make good decisions and to be responsible.

The Esteem Team has been instrumental to efforts to reverse substance abuse trends in our area, and we are very fortunate for the hard work of its members. All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate the Esteem Team on receiving Ohio's 2000 BEST Practices Award.

HONORING FAIR LAWN COUNCILWOMAN FLOSSIE DOBROW

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a longtime resident of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey who is completing her 24th year of service to our community as a distinguished member of the Borough Council. Mr. Speaker, I honor Councilwoman Florence Dobrow, who is better known as Flossie to her many friends and supporters.

Flossie became politically active as part of the Fair Lawn Independent Democrats and was first elected to the Borough Council in 1976. In July of 1981, Flossie became the Borough's 18th Mayor and served one term.

Having earned the support and respect of the people of Fair Lawn, Flossie has been re-elected time and again to the Borough Council and today is recognized in the Hall of Fame of the New Jersey League of Municipalities for her year of public service.

Flossie's accomplishments in Fair Lawn are legendary. The Dobrow Field Complex, which for years has been used by youngsters to play a number of sports, is named in honor of her contributions to our community.

As a founder of the Fair Lawn Garden Club, Flossie created what is popularly known as "Flossie's Posse," to engage local community members in making certain that shrubs and flowers throughout the Borough are being managed properly.

Simply put, Flossie is a local treasure, much as her cousin Abe Stark was a treasure to Ebbets Field, where his "Hit Sign Win Suit" was a legend of a different kind. With her late husband Saul and her son Ira, she has contributed to Fair Lawn in every respect. Today, Flossie's grandson is the object of her love and devotion.

I understand that Flossie's remarkable years of service to the Borough of Fair Lawn will be the subject of a testimonial dinner that will be held on December 7, 2000. As a proud resident of Fair Lawn, I join my fellow Borough residents in saluting Flossie and the outstanding example she has set for others to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Flossie Dobrow on the occasion of this well deserved tribute and wish her health and happiness in the years to come.

REGARDING INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, the terrorist attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*, in which 17 young American sailors lost their lives, and 39 were seriously wounded, was but the latest tragic reminder of the threat that the world's democratic nations face from the specter of terrorism. For many years, the United States has worked with our friends and allies to combat the scourge of international terrorism. This cooperation recognizes the mutual enlightened

self-interest of democracies that face common threats to develop common means of responding to those threats.

Few countries have suffered as much from international terrorism as India. India, a nation with deeply rooted democratic traditions, must remain vigilant against an ever-present threat of terror fomented from many of the same forces that seek to attack U.S. interests and cause harm to Americans, such as Osama Bin-Laden and the forces associated with his international terrorist network.

That is why I am encouraged to see that cooperation between the United States and India on the anti-terrorism front has been strengthened and deepened. At the two U.S.-India summit meetings this year—one here in Washington the other in New Delhi—a framework for bilateral cooperation in the war against terrorism has been adopted, including establishment of a Joint Working Group on counter terrorism. We should see to it that this cooperation is strengthened and that this Joint Working Group continues to meet productively on a regular basis.

In particular, I am encouraged that the U.S. and India have decided to expand the mandate of the Joint Working Group to include discussion on such issues as narco-terrorism and Afghanistan. During his visit to Washington in September, Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee raised the situation in Afghanistan, India's concerns about the nature of the Taliban government and its connection with international terrorist organizations, concerns which the United States shares. Our two nations agreed to set up a framework for talks to deal with our common concerns about Afghanistan, and I will work to encourage progress on this front.

For nearly two decades, India has suffered from cross-border terrorism in Punjab, in Jammu and Kashmir and in other parts of India. Thousands of lives have been lost to the terrorists' bombs and guns. Last December, an Air India jet was hijacked by individuals subsequently identified as Pakistani nationals with possible links to ISI, an intelligence organization of the Pakistan Government.

On a recent report on the CBS news magazine "60 Minutes," Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni, outgoing commander of U.S. forces in South Asia told reporter Steve Kroft that he believes it is "very possible" that nuclear weapons in Pakistan could wind up in the hands of extremist religious leaders.

These are the kinds of threats that India faces on an ongoing basis.

The U.S. State Department has indicated its growing concerns about terrorism in the South Asia region. Congress must, if necessary, urge the State Department to act on designating those Pakistani-based militant groups that have so far escaped designation as Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Otherwise, those very groups will take the lack of action on our part as a signal that we are tolerating the very terrorist actions our laws are intended to interdict, thereby encouraging further terrorist action against innocent populations.

Like the United States, India recognizes that terrorism represents an assault on the very notion of an open, democratic society. And like the United States, India is not about to surrender to those forces that seek to murder innocents, exact blackmail and tear the fabric of civil society. We have long worked with the other great democracies of the world to make